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Editorially Speaking

Revival. We talk about. We hope for it. We read great history about it. But, do we really get it?

Certainly, there are times we boarder on a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. None of us forget and all of us look for those days when nothing else in life is so important as drawing near to God. And here, I think, is where the secret lies. We must sincerely WANT revival. There must be one simple desire, *meet with God*. This longing must be so intent that other wishes, even good desires, be put aside to simply be in the presence of God. We should not seek revival thinking that when it comes we will get what *we want* from the Lord. But, rather come before Him to learn what *He wants* of us.

The revival that leaves one guessing what it was that really made it a revival, is not the genuine thing. True revival always has and always will be marked by deep conviction of sin, repentence, rejoicing and great joy because of God's working, a willingness to tell others about Jesus Christ and fulfulling gladly all spiritual responsibilities. The book of revival, Acts, points up this.

We are ever on the brink of revival. The *desire* to have it remains the determining factor. Many times this desire is crowded by choicer yearnings. It is so easy to want other things just a little more than revival and consequently not want revival enough to get it.

If, by God's help, we determine what we want and stubbornly hold to it, revival will be ours.

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Cover Picture

This month's cover shows one of thousands who migrate to California each year to work in the crops. *Backyard Mission Field*, page three, is the story of the Pools who caught the vision, and did something about this great opportunity.





BACKYARD MISSION FIELD

by D. David Tolladay

*I*t is not an uncommon thing for God to call workers to the foreign field. For Albert and Jane Pool, pastors at Davenport, California, it worked just the other way. God called the foreign field to them.

It is nearly four years ago that Bro. and Sis. Pool started work in Davenport. At that time they never dreamed what kind of a work God actually had for them. But one day a few months after the church had been initiated the Lord began to open the Pools' eyes to something they had failed to notice before. All around Davenport were fields of Brussels Sprouts and other vegetables. They had gone past these fields many times and never thought about them. But in the late summer they suddenly realized that the crops were being harvested by thousands of Mexicans. What an opportunity to take them the Gospel! Here was a mission field dropped right into their own backyard; but how could they take advantage of it for God?

The answer came in an unexpected way. A group of Mexican nationals wanted to learn English, and Sis. Pool being a teacher was approached about teaching them. Slightly astonished she realized that this was the hand of the Lord providing her an opportunity to take them the Gospel. In spite of the fact that she was limited by a very meager knowledge of Spanish she began classes, not only in her home but in as many of the Mexican camps as time and the management would permit.

But the English class was really secondary. With each lesson came a reading from the Spanish Bible. Then a few Spanish hymns were added. Finally the English lessons diminished and were replaced with straight Gospel preaching.

The work showed rapid growth. Students with Latin American interests came from Bethany Bible College to help. A brother in Santa Cruz donated sound equipment for the outdoor services. Accordion players donated their services even when they knew no Spanish. Tracts, Bibles, New Testaments and hymnals were obtained from many sources and distributed. Slowly Jane and the Students learned to preach in Spanish and the preaching began to "pay off" in souls consecrated to God.

Today the work is still growing. In spite of limited manpower, finances, transportation and equipment the sphere of influence is constantly spreading. Camps are now being reached as far north as Ano Nuevo and as far south as Watsonville. Each Sunday during the fall season the groups disperse after morning worship service to the various camps. Sometimes there are as many as nine services held in a single day. While Sis. Pool heads up the Spanish work her husband reaches out to include the numerous Philippino camps in the area. In the evening the little church is packed with Mexican, Philippino and American worshippers, with services being conducted in English and Spanish.

The results have been heartening. One young man was saved, healed of

tuberculosis and received a call to preach. The church is financing him in Bible School in Tijuana at the present time. Others were saved and carried the good news back to their families. Some left with the purpose of starting works in their homes in Mexico.

In spite of the wonderful victories the Lord has afforded, the workers are always burdened with a sad truth that only a fraction of the estimated 30,000 Mexican workers who pass through the area every year are being reached with the Gospel. Time and again opportunities for entering camps could not be taken advantage of because of the shortage of help and finances. Recently, while I was working in a little village in Mexico two of these "braceros" returned from the United States. One of them had never been reached with the Gospel. He found his children attending our Sunday School and immediately forbade them to attend. The other man, although not converted, had the seed planted in his heart. He found his wife attending services and willingly went with her to learn more about the Gospel story.

The workers at Davenport go about their work with a sense of urgency. God has provided a marvelous missionary opportunity. Who knows how long it will continue. They feel sure God will hold them responsible for the souls of those men. They continually pray that God will inspire others with this vision; that they will "lift up" their eyes, but not so far that they can't see their "backyard mission field."



"We Will

by Paul A. Kienel

National Sunday School Department

Former Editor, Glad Tidings Magazine

ing was filled with a vibrant enthusiasm; their testimonies were thrilling and their fervent praying was genuinely sincere.

Another thought was racing through his mind — a thought he tried to suppress. He too must go ashore and possibly become one of the 2,888 Americans that would pay for the island of Leyte with their lives.

As Chaplain Gerhart stood before his men early the next morning in the last service aboard ship, the Holy Spirit seemed to give him an unusual anointing as he ministered on the 91st Psalm. The men seemed confident and a divine peace prevailed as they sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" as a closing song of benediction.

Finally the order came: "LST 270 move in; hit beach and good luck!" A scramble for equipment; helmets, guns, ammo, grenades; but the chaplain would go unarmed.

It was 4:30 a. m. October 26, 1944. All personnel of Landing Craft 270 jumped into the chilly shore waters of Leyte. Sniper fire began from the underbrush on the shore. It was impossible to see any visible sign of the enemy in the dim light of early morning. The ship's heavy machine guns opened up on the brush just above the shore line. The sniper fire ceased for awhile.

The chaplain took a quick census of the men around him. Several had been wounded and one man was killed before reaching the shore. The men charged on up into the foliage to dig protective slit trenches. Other LST's were unloading now. Everywhere men were swarming the beach, "digging in" to establish a protected shooting point. Many snipers made themselves visible as they attempted to run for better cover. Scores of them became a part of the 56,263 men the Japanese lost during the Leyte invasion.

Rain . . . sticky, wet rain . . . pelted the face of Chaplain Joseph L. Gerhart as he leaned wearily against the railing of the old army LST. The night had been cold and miserable. The anchored ship seemed to pitch endlessly in the ebony blackness. His mind drifted back over the events of the past several weeks. For 40 days and nights the ship had been in a massive convoy. They had been stalked by enemy subs and planes almost constantly. The LST which had seen more than its share of military service was loaded with highly inflammable aviation gasoline. Two hundred men with all their food and fighting equipment were aboard.

Tonight they were anchored in the offshore waters of Leyte about 500 miles from Borneo. The enemy? Japanese. The objective? To establish a beachhead on the island of Leyte. The Air Force needed the island as a refueling base for the scheduled B-29 invasion on Japan.

At sunrise the amphibious landing would begin. In a few hours the ships would rush ashore, open their massive bow doors, and the 200 fighting

men whom Chaplain Gerhart had ministered to for the past several weeks would charge the beach of Leyte and experience the cold realities of war. How thankful he was that he had been able to lead nearly every man aboard to an experience of salvation.

The past weeks had been busy ones with two and three religious services a day and the frequent individual counseling of the men. The chaplain's body was weary with exhaustion. In all his life there had never been a night so long as this night of waiting in the darkness.

He thought of the recent services on the deck of the ship. The surroundings were certainly not conducive to worship and the old brassy trumpet which accompanied the singing was a far cry from a church organ or even a piano. But the sincerity of the men as they worshiped and prayed was something he would never forget. These men were facing war and death. It took no long appeal or special setting to get them to accept Christ as Saviour. They knew if they were to get through this coming invasion alive it would be by the help of God and God alone. These men were anxious for every service. Their sing-

Never Forget . . . Sir"

As in all Pacific invasions one factor was constant: the enemy waiting on the beach would fight to the death. Many Americans were wounded or killed on that first day of fighting on the shores of Leyte. Chaplain Gerhart, under constant enemy fire, visited as many fox holes as possible. Often he was able to pray with men just before death came. He distributed testaments. He offered words of encouragement. He carried wounded to safety. The battle wore on day after day, but the chaplain must not show his weariness — the men needed him. His voice must never reveal

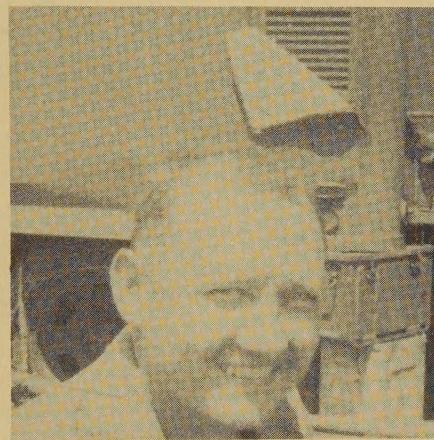
plished his purpose. The dead and wounded were everywhere. As the ominous drone of the attackers faded into the sunset, the men who had been fortunate enough to find shelter began to scramble to the aid of the wounded. Among the badly injured was Chaplain Garhart. A strafing bullet from a dive bomber had thrown him into an empty fox hole. He lay there dazed and bewildered. After what seemed to be an eternity he lifted himself to a sitting position. Gradually he crawled out of the fox hole. He rested a moment on the grass. The pain and exhaustion seemed unbear-

himself was injured. Fortunately, he was only a few yards from the hospital tent when he fell. Two medical attendants rushed to his side. Within minutes they laid him on a stretcher in the emergency medical quarters and gave him life preserving blood plasma.

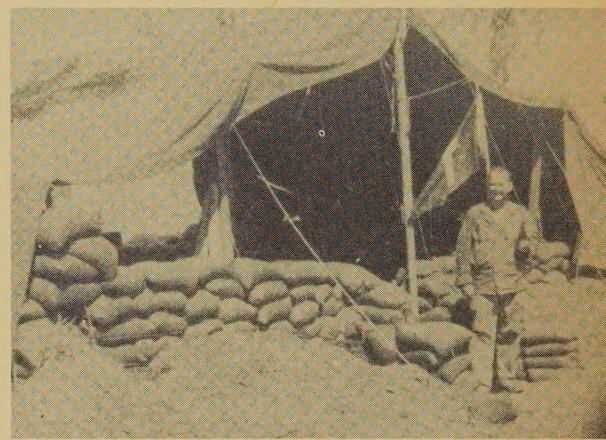
Several hours later Chaplain Gerhart regained consciousness. Slowly he recalled the air attack, the strafing dive bomber, and his helping the wounded to the hospital tent. He thought of his wife, Ruth, back in California. How was his son, Rod and his daughter, Carole? He thanked God



Brother Gerhart as he appeared in uniform during World War II.



This snapshot was taken on the transport which carried the men in for their attack on Leyte.



Chaplain Gerhart proudly stands before the first chapel built on war torn Leyte.

the inner anxiety and fear. He had to carry on!

Late one afternoon, following a considerable advance into enemy territory, the opposition seemed to recede. The fatigued fighting men welcomed the let up. A number of them crawled from their protective cover and relaxed in the warm rays of the afternoon sun. Suddenly over the island's western peak the air seemed to come alive with Japanese planes. Now it became evident why there had been a let up in enemy fire. The Japanese infantry had known of the coming air attack.

Every man raced for cover — anything that offered protection. But for scores of American soldiers it was too late. The long hillside seemed to explode into one mammoth scene of destruction. The enemy had accom-

able. He prayed earnestly that God would give him strength.

From the brush nearby came a barely audible voice, "Hey Chaplain, I've been hit, give me a hand." In a few minutes the sun would be down. Long black shadows were already stealthily making their way across the hillside. Somehow he must help that soldier before night set in. God seemed to literally pour strength into his body as he gave assistance, not only to this boy, but to many others on into the night. In spite of his injury, he felt he must carry on.

Finally, utterly spent, he collapsed under the weight of one of the soldiers he was helping to the hospital tent. The chaplain's words had been so full of encouragement, his prayers had been so reassuring to the wounded, that no one realized the chaplain

for a praying family at home. Now more than ever he longed to see them. In his weakened state the thought of home and family almost overwhelmed him. Was it worth these consequences to leave the comforts of home, his ministry, his family, and face the ravages of war for the cause of the chaplaincy? Had it been worth the extra schooling at Harvard University? Was it worth the years of study to acquire two degrees necessary for a chaplain's ministry? When he agreed to the chaplaincy in 1943, was it necessary that he suffer this pain here on the battlefield of Leyte? He questioned the fairness of it all. What good was a helpless injured chaplain to these men who needed him so much.

The wounded soldier on the cot
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Educational Unit Dedicated at Tracy

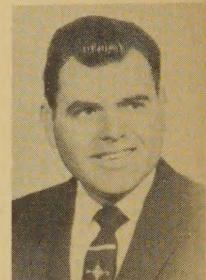


VIEWING THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT FROM THE COURTYARD

The First Assembly of God in Tracy dedicated its new educational unit at the monthly fellowship meeting held there on August 14. Pastor Eugene Lawrence and the congregation moved into the much needed quarters early in September.

The building contains two large

Pastor
Eugene
Lawrence



Gerharts Celebrate 25th Anniversary

On Sept. 9 Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Gerhart celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The Gerharts held an open house to mark this festive occasion which was attended by friends at the District office and members of the family.

The Gerharts were married Sept. 9, 1934 in Taft, California by the groom's father, Rev. E. G. Gerhart. They made their home in Houston, Texas where both served as instructors for six years at Southern Bible Institute until its merger into the present Southwestern Bible Institute at Waxahachie.

For two years Bro. and Sis. Gerhart pastored. Then in 1942 he entered the Army as a chaplain. After his release from service they pastored again until 1953 when Bro. Gerhart was made a District officer.

The Gerharts have two children, Rod, who is employed by Lockheed in Palo Alto as an electronics engineer and Carole, a junior in college.

We wish to congratulate the Gerharts and trust they shall enjoy many more years of happiness together. Also, we thank God for them and their ministries in our District.



On the left Bro. and Sis. Gerhart are shown as they posed at their 25th wedding anniversary celebration. On the right, 25 years younger, they posed for their wedding picture.



departmental rooms, five 12x12 classrooms, an electrically equipped kitchen and the pastor's study. The annex will serve a variety of purposes for the church.

The dedication service was attended by many folks in the area including the fine choir from the Lodi church. Ruben A. Wilson, assistant superintendent, preached the dedicatory message.

It's Harvest Festival

Take a check: just how thankful are you for all the blessings which you enjoy every day? How much does it mean to you to feel secure — to never have to wonder about tomorrow, next week? Are you grateful enough that you will share your blessings with others who are not so fortunate?

Harvest Festival is just that — the week we set aside each year to stock the pantries of the National Children's Home and Pinellas Park Home. With the "thank you" offering which come in for Harvest Festival, the residents at these homes share your blessings!

Offerings should be addressed to: HARVEST FESTIVAL, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can."

—Selected.



President C. C. Burnett has just received the Bible, keys and seal of the college from Joseph L. Gerhart.

C. C. Burnett Inaugurated at B. B. C.

Inaugural ceremonies in which Dr. C. C. Burnett was installed as president of Bethany Bible College took place on the Bethany campus September 30.

Executive director of the Accrediting Association of Bible College, Dr. S. A. Witmer of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was guest speaker. Dr. Witmer is one of the countries foremost leaders in Christian education.

Rev. Joseph L. Gerhart, district superintendent, presented the Bible, keys and seal of the college to President Burnett. The charge to the president was made by Rev. Kenneth M. Haystead, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Rev. Charles W. H. Scott, assistant

general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, offered the inaugural prayer. Dean of Education L. Thomas Holdcroft gave greetings to the many guests.

The college choir sang "O, For a Thousand Tongues." Rev. and Mrs. Beiser joined in a duet, "There Is a Name."

Dr. Burnett has made his home in Springfield, Missouri, in recent years where he served as National Secretary of Education for the Assemblies of God. In addition to this he has been active as Secretary of the National Association of Evangelicals, Assemblies of God representative to the American Bible Society in which organization he also served as an officer for ten years. Since 1956 he has been treasurer of the North American Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges.

The Bethany Bible College presidency was vacated last spring by the Rev. Leland R. Keys, now pastoring Bethel Church in San Jose.

ANNOUNCING THE 1959

Regional Ministers' Institutes



Dr. C. C. Burnett
Evening Speaker



Rev. Stanley Michael

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Bethel Church

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Bethel Assembly of God

SPARKS, NEVADA, Nov. 12 & 13
Assembly of God

TURLOCK, CALIF., Nov. 30 & Dec. 1
Bethel Temple

Dr. Burnett, Rev. Michael, District Officers, Presbyters and others participating in Ministers' Institute, forums and services.

PROGRAM

FIRST DAY —

2:00 - 5:00 P. M. Credential Interview*
7:00 P. M. Credential Interview*
7:00 P. M. Public Rally (Everybody welcome)
Dr. C. C. Burnett, Speaker

SECOND DAY —

9:30 - 12 A. M. Ministers Institute**
2:00 - 4:30 P. M. Ministers Institute**
7:00 P. M. Public Rally
(Everybody welcome)
Dr. C. C. Burnett, Speaker

*All those who have been informed to meet the credential interviewing committee should contact their Presbyter to determine which regional meeting to attend.

**Ministers and their wives only.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FAIR MOVES TO FRESNO

More than 30,000 persons are expected to attend the third annual Central California Sunday School Fair in Fresno, Calif., October 28th through 31st.

The fair has been held the past two years in Turlock, Calif., but is being moved to the Fresno County Fairground this year to accommodate the larger crowd expected.

The fair will begin Wednesday night, the 28th, with a mass rally, and will end Saturday night, the 31st, after three full days of working sessions.

The morning sessions will be spent in "teach-o-rama" discussions, with sections for each grade level. The emphasis in these sessions will be on improving the teacher's classroom technique — handling children, maintaining interest, resolving disciplinary problems and so on.

In the afternoon, a "how-to-rama" is scheduled, again with sections for each grade level. In these periods, special attention will be devoted to directing children's activities in handicrafts and allied subjects.

At night, the fair will be given over to visual-rama sessions — flannel-graphs, puppet demonstrations, slides, motion pictures, chalk talks, object lessons, and film strips.

News From Our Churches --

ALMO —

A dedication service was held Sept. 28 in conjunction with the fellowship meeting of the South San Joaquin Section. Pastor Ed Cole of Chico and District Superintendent J. L. Gerhart were the speakers. Sam Kern is pastor.

BERKELEY —

First Assembly recently concluded an evangelistic campaign with Evangelist Leonard Palmer. The pastor is Eleanor M. Johnson.

CARMICHAEL —

Capitol Section C. A. Rally was held Aug. 24 featuring Evangelist Earl Henderson as speaker. Recent guest speakers for Pastor L. W. Suter were the Glendenning Family of Fort Collins, Colo.; and S.C.C. Music Director Paul Johnson and the College sextet.

GUERNEVILLE —

David Paco of Honolulu, Hawaii was special speaker and ministered in song in August. B.B.C. film was also shown. The pastor is George Hunter.

HAYFORK —

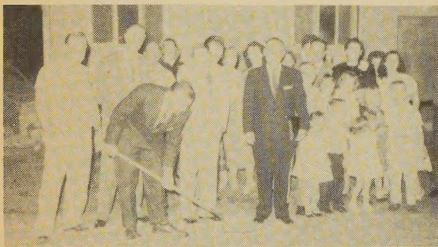
Pastor Troy Beavers reports a revival with Evangelist Fred Bailey recently.

HAYWARD —

Guest speaker for Pastor James Swanson recently was Missionary Bill Roberts, principal of Tamil Bible Institute in Madurni, India and secretary of the South India Assemblies of God.

MARYSVILLE —

The Linda Assembly under the leadership of Pastor Pike Robinson observed a third anniversary Sept. 20 when ground was broken for a third



unit of the church plant. The summer highlight was the Kids' Krusade conducted by Pastor and Mrs. B. H. Givens of Reno. The adults were ministered to in the evening services and

four received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

MILL VALLEY —

The Mill Valley Methodist Church has been purchased by the Southern Marin Assembly of God. On Sept. 21 a dedication was held with the District officials presiding. Pastor James Walton and Co-pastor Don McMurray.

NORTHLAND —

Pastor Wm. Vickery writes that the spiritual impact of summer camps contributed toward three receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and two being saved. There has been a spontaneous revival.

POINT ARENA —

Lake-Mendocino Sectional Fellowship Meeting was held Aug. 10 with Pastor Sarl Dean. Pastors Bernice McPheeters of Lower Lake and Richard Jeffers of Covelo were speakers.

SACRAMENTO —

Bethany Assembly of God enjoyed a Kids' Krusade under the leadership of Florence Coryell in August. The pastor is Frank Mapes.

ST. HELENA —

Pastors F. T. and Olive Alford report a successful Kids' Krusade with Bethany Bible College student Billie Sommerfeld. The closing service held on Sunday night brought out friends and parents.

SALINAS —

Calvary Assembly of God heard guest speakers T. Texas Tyler and W.M.C. President Goldia Anderson in August. The pastor is Ray Oliver.

SUNNYVALE —

A children's revival was held in August by the Jack Thompsons of Riverside. Guest speakers that month were B.B.C. President C. C. Burnett and V. G. Griesen. Beginning Sept. 1 Ronald Hastie began his duties as associate pastor to Ralph Hillegas.

TRACY —

First Assembly had a ribbon-cutting service for their new annex Sept 1 with District Sunday School Director Dave Colbert and C.A. President Walt Boring guests. Dedication of the

new building was held Sept. 14 with Assistant Superintendent R. A. Wilson speaking. Eugene Lawrence is pastor.

TUOLUMNE —

Pastor H. G. Davis reports a revival meeting with Evangelist Spilman of New Mexico in August.

TURLOCK —

Bethel Temple heard Hal Herman Aug. 9. The pastor is Robert Carrington.

WATERFORD —

The Central San Joaquin Sectional Fellowship Meeting was held Aug. 3 with the John Franklin Missionary family featured by the W.M.C. in the morning service. Afternoon and evening speakers were Pastor Bell of Delhi and Gene Forrest of Lodi. A. M. Redding is pastor.

BORN TO —

Pastor and Mrs. Sam Sanders — Samuel Irving, Aug. 13.

Rev. and Mrs. Lowell Prinzing have adopted Mark Steven, born Aug. 13.

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Retired after 30 years of pastoring, the Lord has given me a ministry from my home.

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—S. H. Robertson.

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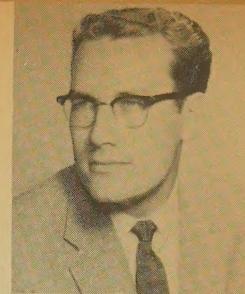
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BE WISE!
COUNSELLORIZE

November Is Counsellor Month

The word *Counsellorize* was coined for the expressed purpose of emphasizing what the Sunday School Counsellor can do for your school if you use it properly. This monthly magazine for Sunday school leaders and teachers has a wide combination of ingredients that can go to work in almost any Sunday school situation that may arise. Smooth steering is provided in the leadership helps. Power is inherent in the attendance-building ideas. Brakes are there as needed in correction of weaknesses and the ever-present discipline problem. The service includes fixing "flats" where individual workers are failing to keep up their end. The monthly Planarama is a series of

V. B. S. Record at Santa Rosa

Santa Rosa's First Assembly reports the largest Vacation Bible School in the history of the church.

The enrollment reached a high of 237 with a very good daily average.

A parade of 20 floats preceded the opening of the Vacation Bible School. Pastor Benning led the procession with the VBS king and queen, who qualified by writing an essay in 25 words or more on "Why I like Vac-

ation Bible School," plus bringing others to Vacation Bible School and Sunday School for 4 Sundays. First prize was a free campership for one week in one of our district kids camps.

Included in the parade was a horseless carriage, a youth float, a float with an apple house with Whimpy and Bimpy the worms, and then a float with Rev. and Mrs. George Effman and family.



The parade was led by Pastor Benning who served as chauffeur for the VBS queen and king.

spark plugs for every age level in the school.

The magazine is designed to service your school for smooth performance—but it can serve only to the extent it is used. The *Counsellor* should be in the hands of *every worker*—pastor, minister of education, superintendent, teachers, assistants, secretaries, potential workers.

Take advantage of this all-around service offer. When you fill out your quarterly literature order in November, include an order for *Counsellors*—enough to supply one to *each worker* in your school. It's an inexpensive way to show your appreciation for faithful service—and an investment that will pay and pay.

Be wise—Counsellorize in November, for November is *Counsellor* month.

Did You Forget?

Check-up Day is past, and there are still a few delinquent Sunday school Checkup reports that have not been mailed in. Perhaps you were too busy to fill it in on Checkup Day and since then it has a way of refusing to come to your mind at the right time. You realize the importance of mailing that Checkup in, but just can't seem to put action behind the sense of duty.

Let this serve as a reminder for you to submit your Checkup *today!* Take time out right now to complete the form and mail it in without further delay. September 27 showed a good response, but there are still a few links missing in the chain of Checkups. Send yours in—not tomorrow, not next week—but *today!*



MISSIONARIES ABROAD

CENTRAL AFRICA —

H. B. and Ruth Garlock, Nyasaland write of baptismal services and Bible School students building new churches in that area. Large picture rolls are urgently needed and visual aid Sunday School material. Well tied and labeled, "Used Sunday School Material. No Commercial Value" and they will be duty free.

CENTRAL AMERICA —

Arthur and Janie Lindvall, San Salvador, El Salvador report good interest is shown in studying the book of Romans and a free correspondence course offered. Offerings designated "El Salvador Literature" sent to Missions Dept. will reach them.

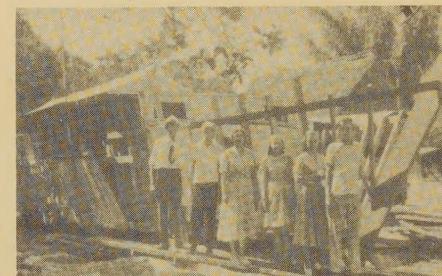
PHILIPPINES —

Calvin and Olive Ziessler, Cebu City, Cebu report the largest enrollment in the history of the school. A student revival conducted two weeks

after school opened resulted in seven receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Prayer is requested for finances to pay for a water pump, wind instruments, accordians for the out station work, books for the library and text books for the school.

SOUTH AMERICA —

Arthur Erickson, Pucallpa, Peru is ministering in two churches while



building a large house boat and launch to be used in the river preaching.

We Will Never Forget

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next to him stirred and slowly turned toward him. "Is that you, Chaplain?" Chaplain Gerhart nodded. "Say, I just wanted to thank you for helping me get to the hospital tent. I'd have never made it alone. You saved my life. I'll be one of several who'll never forget what you did for us, Sir." He paused. "I'm sure God will see us through . . . don't you think, Chaplain?" Again he nodded.

Suddenly, as if this had been God's answer to his questioning mind, a great sense of peace stilled the tempest of his heart. Yes, God would see them through. Not only would He guide them now but in the days and years to come.

Several days later Chaplain Gerhart was evacuated from the Island of Leyte by hospital ship to Hollandia, New Guinea. Five weeks later he sailed home to the United States where he was hospitalized at Barnes General Hospital, Vancouver, Washington.

Later, he served as chaplain in Let-

terman Army Hospital, San Francisco, California; then pastored the First Assembly of God Church in Vallejo, California. In 1953 he was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Northern California and Nevada District. Recently, he was chosen Superintendent.

Today he is still a chaplain serving in a reserve capacity one evening a week. He has been commissioned Senior Chaplain for a general hospital unit in Oakland.

Those who know Reverend Ger-

hart, know him as a cordial and capable leader with an unusual depth of understanding. Little did the chaplain know on that rainy wind swept



Brother Gerhart now serves as a chaplain in the Reserves. His assistant is his son, Rod. They are shown here ministering in one of the Army hospitals.

night aboard the old LST, that his experiences on the battlefield of Leyte would become God's training ground for a life of serving and blessing.

When you go out in the morning,
To begin the work of the day,
Don't neglect the little chances
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Certificates of \$2,000 and \$1,000 were presented to J. Robert Ashcroft, President of *Evangel College* and *Central Bible Institute*; \$1,000 to C. C. Burnett, President of *Bethany Bible College* at Santa Cruz, California; and \$1,000 to C. W. H. Scott in behalf of *North Central Bible College* at Minneapolis. Frank J. Linquist, President of the latter school was not in the meeting to receive the certificate personally.

This gesture by Church Extension Plan is a modest beginning to a project that has found much favor in the minds of the Board of Directors. This beginning will likely be followed by similar endowments to our schools in the years that lie ahead.

Rules for Christian Living

1. Consider your body as the temple of the Holy Spirit and treat it with reverence and care.

2. Keep your mind active. Stimulate it with thoughts of others that lead you to do something for them.

3. Take time to be holy, with daily meditation and prayer.

4. Support the church of your faith. Mingle with others in worship.

5. Cultivate the presence of God. He wants to enter your life as far as you let Him. Take God into the details of your life.

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of God — country, home, friends, and numerous other benefits.

8. Work as if everything depended upon the work, and pray as if everything depended upon prayer.

9. Read the Bible prayerfully and thoughtfully, so that you may hear and obey what God reveals to you of Himself and His will for you.

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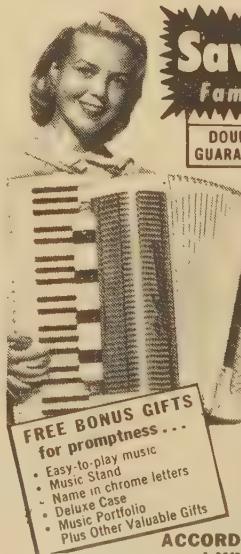
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I AM A DEBTOR

by L. B. LEWIS, Modesto

Not long ago a man stood in church and testified to God's blessings in his life. He said, "I thank God for His spiritual blessings of Salvation and the infilling of the Holy Spirit." There was a chorus of amens over the congregation. Then he said, "I thank God for a good wife and home and material blessings." Again the amens rang out. "In fact," he added, "I thank God I don't owe a dime to any man in the world." This time there were no amens. The contrasting silence was amusing. Even if you should be one of these fortunate people who has no material debts, according to the Bible you are still a debtor.

Paul declared in Romans one, "I am a debtor." He was a debtor because he had something — the Gospel — that God gave him for all people. Everyone who knows the Gospel is debtor in this sense. In listing his debtors Paul said, "The Greeks, the barbarians, the wise and the unwise."

In Paul's day the Greeks were the cultured, educated people. Professionally they were the architects, artists, and literary men of their day. Some Christians have worked fervently to save the down and outer, but feel there's not much chance to rescue the up and outer. This is a mistake. A little Christian maid who worked in the mansion of Charles Swab, the steel magnate, said that he walked the floor night after night and was undoubtedly the unhappiest person she had ever seen. This class of people needs God as much as any other class and as Christians we have a responsibility to witness to them and win them. I'm a debtor and you are a debtor to them.

The Barbarians, in Paul's day, were all who were not Greeks. This class represents the heathen or uncivilized. Some people actually think these people have no soul. Shame on such

people. This speaks of our missionary responsibility. A little lady who was a member of our church in Long Beach, had a spirit of compassion on the poor. She alone was responsible for an average of forty five children per Sunday in Sunday School. She often washed a child's face, combed his hair and fixed him a piece of toast with jelly, while his mother and father were sleeping off a drunk from the night before. She put him on the Sunday School bus and took him to Sunday School. This was repeated over and over again. We are debtors to the wise.

On a T.W.A. plane travelling from Kansas City to Los Angeles, I was constrained to witness to several people about Christ. First a business man, then a service man, and then the stewardess. She listened intently and later returned and said, "Rev. Lewis, I'd like to hear more about this Gospel." Gladly I explained the plan of Salvation. When I saw that spiritual conviction gripped her heart I urged her to accept Christ then and there. She repeated the sinners' prayer and at the close a smile broke over

her face through the tears as she accepted Christ as her Saviour. I looked out the window of the plane and noticed we were flying over the snow capped Rockies. It was thrilling to realize a soul had accepted Christ under such circumstances.

We are debtors to the wise and to the unwise. General Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, was inspired to win souls as an atheist challenged his testimony by saying, "If I really believed in heaven and hell, I'd crawl all over London warning people to get ready to meet God."

As a young minister, I have often had the feeling of being in debt. I know what it is to spread by bills across the bed and get on my knees and ask God to help me pay my debts. Its an awful feeling, but being honest

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MISSIONARIES AT HOME

By MARGARET BOND

ISENSEE —

Sister Elsie Isensee and her family have returned from Peru because of her need for a rest. She is making her home in Long Beach for the present.

ANDERSON, GEORGE B. —

The George Andersons have been making satisfactory progress in their efforts to complete preparations for sailing soon.

I AM A DEBTOR

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we must face reality. Many of you who are reading this sermon know the feeling of being in debt. If we can transfer this feeling into the spiritual realm we will become great soul winners.

The legal tender that will pay the debt is the Gospel of Christ. Bloodless cults cannot pay the debt. A social gospel cannot. Paul consecrated himself to pay his debt when he said, "As much as in me is, I am ready." God doesn't ask that we have a great deal of talent. Just use what you have. A ready mind and heart are first essentials. Paying this debt often requires sacrifice. Paul said, "To you that are at Rome also." Traveling to Rome represented sacrifice in Paul's day. It involved a ship wreck and almost his life. Yet I know so called Christians who won't go across the street to witness for Christ.

In second Kings, chapter four, a widow lady came to Elisha declaring that her husband was dead and that the creditors had come to take her two sons to jail for lack of payment of the family debts. In solving her problem of indebtedness the prophet asked her to borrow vessels from her neighbors and to pour the small amount of oil into the first vessel. God performed a miracle and all the vessels were filled. Then the prophet said, "Go sell the oil and pay thy debts and live thou and thy children of the rest."

The oil represents the anointing of the Holy Spirit. As soul winners we must have God's anointing and blessing to be successful. We also must believe God for the miracle of salvation and soul filling. The debt was paid and the family lived on what was left over. When you win souls there will always be some blessings left over for your own soul. "Go pay thy debt."

BELLMORE, JAMES —

November 10 has been set as the sailing date for the Bellmores. They will be locating in Tanganyika, Africa, where Brother Bellmore will take the directorship of the Bible School.

DANIELS, MRS. ALBERTA and ELAINE —

The Daniels will itinerate in the Redwood Section early in October.

DEMETRUS, PAUL —

Brother Demetrus is accepting calls for individual missionary ser-

vices and conventions in the interests of the Russian needs.

GRANER, LYDIA —

Sister Graner will begin itinerary in the Coast Counties Section in October. Sister Mildred Ginn will be traveling with her.

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Grand Caymon, a little island eight miles wide and twenty-eight miles long, is in my thinking the spot of all our travels in Central America where one could take a vacation and forget the rest of the world about him. Its inhabitants are mostly negro with possibly 20 whites on the entire island. It is controlled by the British.

We arrived on the island by plane and the first order of business was to declare our merchandise in customs. We were happily surprised by the gracious manner and the British accent of those who met us in customs. Our faces must have either registered tiredness from the long trip or we must have looked very trustworthy for we were permitted to go through the line of customs without question.

Mrs. Caroline Merron, who owns and operates the Bayview Hotel, met us at the airport and took us in her station wagon to the hotel where we had a lovely room. Dinner that evening was served in a most lovely setting in a small dining room of the hotel. The menu included the rare delicacy of turtle steak.

After dinner Mrs. Merron, her husband, and ten-year old son, along with the three colored maids, took us for a tour of the island. We visited various churches and stopped to hear the Presbyterian choir as they practiced the island hymns. The echo of their voices trailed throughout the island and died out into the ocean about us. We only stayed a day and night

on Grand Caymon but someday both Gloria and I hope to return with our husbands and have the vacation of our dreams.

We left Grand Caymon and in forty minutes landed in Jamaica. The thrill of thrills was when we looked up through a sea of black faces and saw a redhead peering around an open door waving with enthusiasm. I had never met Helen Rye but Goldia had talked frequently of her and looked forward to this part of the trip. I met one of the most charming young ladies that I shall ever be privileged to meet. Helen has the vibrance of a teenager, the ability of a middleager, the wisdom of an oldster, and the vision that only a God-called missionary has. We got into her little red Speed-The-Light car and drove to her apartment which is perched on the side of a hill above Montego Bay. She lives there with her colored maid and her home is her haven. It is the only retreat from her many hours of work among the natives. She goes out into the bush for a week at a time.

Jamaica has over 80 churches and these have many strange religious cults and practices. The Pocomaians speak in tongues and practice witchcraft. The Pastifaryi, whose street meetings we attended, believe the King of Ethiopia is Jesus Christ. The male members of this sect all wear beards.

We went from one end of the island to the other in Helen's little red

Central American Tour

BY ALPHA HENSON

car and the stream of black faces all along the roads and back country knew Miss Rye. It was our privilege to go to Kingston and there we visited the straw market and spent hours



HELEN RYE

looking and making purchases of some of the straw handicraft of the natives. Often as we appeared to be interested buyers the natives would give a little extra demonstration in the form of a jig or an African dance as he tried to hold our interest.

Helen took us to many interesting places, one of which was the famous doctor's cove. We spent a day there before getting our plane to Cuba. Next month I will tell you of our landing in Cuba after the revolution. It will be the final article on my travels in Central America with my friend Goldia Anderson and your W.M.C. president.

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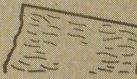
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